

supper with the members of the Legion, followed by our business meeting. We presently have 106 paid up members.

The hostesses for each month send personal care kits to the Mental Health Institute at Independence, the Iowa Veteran's Home at Marshalltown, the Iowa Training School at Eldora, the USVA Hospital at Knoxville, or the Mitchell County Care Facility at Osage.

We have been busy with many pleasant and worthwhile activities this year, including:

Sponsoring a high school junior at Girl's State and having her present a report at one of our meetings.

Sponsoring two blood drives with the Blood Center of Iowa.

Conducting a Poppy Day in St. Ansgar.

Sponsoring a Fluff and Pillow cleaning as a fund raiser.

Presenting apples to the St. Ansgar School administrators, teachers, support staff and school board members during American Education Week.

Providing a special article for our local newspaper during American Education Week featuring a picture and short interview with each teacher of our school district.

Presenting each of the residents of Mitchell County Care Facility with a personal, specially selected Christmas gift. This year the cost of this special project was about \$250.

Awarding a \$200 scholarship to a second year college student—some years we have given more than one scholarship.

Assisting with food and decorations for the annual Birthday Ball sponsored by the St. Ansgar American Legion and sharing the cost of this lovely evening.

Giving special contributions on Flag Day to support our special projects. This replaces the bake sale and coffee hour that we use to sponsor.

Marching in the Memorial Day parade..

Entering a patriotic float in the parade on June 21st to celebrate 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Ansgar.

Presenting a special program on July 3 at the Good Samaritan Center in St. Ansgar about the history of our flag. Legion members conducted the 13 folds of the flag for the residents.

Taking paper back books to the Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Paying one half of the cost of food for the annual Legion/Auxiliary membership dinner in November.

Contributing \$25 toward the cost of cases of microwave popcorn sent by Alamo Scouts to our troops in Iraq.

Sharing the cost with the Legion for a new flag for the St. Ansgar Senior Citizens Center.

Providing walkers, wheel chairs and other medical equipment as needed by anyone in the community.

Contributing \$100 toward the project headed by Ruth Loney to provide stockings from Fox River Mills for our servicemen and women.

Contributing \$100 toward President Rozena MaVey's project for a lighted flag at the entrance of the Veteran's Home in Marshalltown.

Sending coupons to service families in Germany.

Osage Unit 278 held their annual Bake Sale Luncheon on April 16th at the American Legion Post home in Osage. Each year the proceeds of this event are used to award \$250.00 scholarships to worthy graduating seniors of Osage High School.

This year's event was highly successful and the Unit will be awarding five

(5) scholarships of \$250.00 each to seniors chosen through the application and interview process. Awards will be presented at the Osage High School Awards Assembly the week of April 20th.

Osage Auxiliary Unit 278 takes pride in performing many acts of service to the community, state and nation. Our greatest endeavor is to support our veterans and our troops in this current war which has placed many of our young men and women in the military in harm's way.●

HONORING THE CITY OF LENNOX

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish to honor and publicly recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of the town of Lennox, SD. The town of Lennox has a proud past and a promising future. In 1879, the Milwaukee Railroad established a branch where the town stands today.

The town of Lennox was named after B.G. Lennox, private secretary to S.S. Merrill, a railroad executive. By 1880, 90 people lived in Lennox, and the town has experienced steady growth since then. The 2000 census listed Lennox as having a population of just over 2,000 people.

Lennox is governed by a seven-person city council. There are numerous projects and major developments underway in Lennox. Currently, the city is upgrading its water system, with two new water towers and a new well to ensure that the city has plenty of water. The Lennox Commercial Club has many of the town's businesses as members and meets monthly to sponsor promotions and encourage business growth. An active senior center, the Good Samaritan Center, the Hilda's Heritage Home all provide support for seniors.

Small towns like Lennox are the backbone of rural States such as South Dakota. A growing community built by good neighbors and a strong foundation is a great place to raise a family. The town has been celebrating throughout the year and is continuing through July with events at the high school, community church and a sauerkraut/polka party on the town's main street. This sort of wholesome, small town celebration is a great example of rural South Dakota's commitment to good values and local history. It is with great honor that I share this great community with my colleagues.●

RECOGNIZING GREG CANNELL OF AMERICAN FALLS, IDAHO

● Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I rise to recognize Mr. Greg Cannell of American Falls, ID, for his heroic actions in saving the life of a rural mail carrier. Last December, Greg selflessly and fearlessly jumped into near-freezing waters to save a mail carrier who had skidded off a winding mountain road and into the nearby river.

On December 1, 2003, Ron Meadville, a rural mail carrier, was returning

from his 110-mile route along the remote North Fork road northwest of Salmon, ID. Greg Cannell and a friend, Tina Taysom, were traveling ahead of Meadville on the same road. Cannell and Taysom pulled over to look at some deer, and Meadville passed them. When Cannell pulled back on the road and rounded a bend, he couldn't see the mail truck but saw a set of skid marks that veered off the road, toward the near-frozen river. Meadville had hit a patch of ice that sent his truck hurtling over the 25-foot embankment to land upside down in the Salmon River, in more than 5 feet of 33-degree water. Greg Cannell acted immediately. He stopped his truck, jumped out, slid down the steep embankment and plunged into the river. After several strenuous attempts, Cannell was able to pull open the truck door, grab Meadville's hand, and pull him out through an opening between the seat and the doorjamb. By this time, Meadville was experiencing hypothermia.

Cannell and Taysom pulled Meadville up the embankment to their vehicle. Meadville managed to tell them that he lived about a mile from where they were. Cannell took him to his home where he helped Meadville's wife care for him. Cannell refused any care for himself until he knew Meadville was safe.

Greg Cannell risked his own life to save a stranger. He refuses to be called a hero, but he is truly a hero to Ron Meadville and his family. Without his courageous actions, Ron Meadville would not be alive today. Greg Cannell's actions truly were heroic and it is a pleasure for me to honor him and share his story.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2828. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources.